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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

EMILIO MORALES,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, as Secretary of the
 Department of Homeland Security;
 EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of the
 U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services;
 ROBERT S. MULLER, Director of
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Defendants.

No. C 07-2991 MJJ

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR
 PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them. Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this action is limited to plaintiff's request that this Court compel defendants to adjudicate the application for naturalization. Defendants have already requested the FBI expedite the name check so that the application may be processed as soon as possible. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the

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1 proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c),
2 the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be
3 excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

4 Dated: September 24, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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11 Dated: September 24, 2007

12 /s/
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14 **ORDER**

15 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.
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18 Date:

19 MARTIN J. JENKINS
United States District Judge